

RESULTS FACTSHEET

Partnership for Good Governance regional projects

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Key figures

- 2 successive phases since 2015
- 4 regional projects with a budget of EUR 3,692,400

What is the Partnership for Good Governance?

Through the Partnership for Good Governance (PGG) the European Union and the Council of Europe are working together to strengthen governance in the Eastern Partnership region (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine, Belarus).

PGG provides tailor-made support to Eastern Partnership countries to bring legislation and practice closer to European standards in the fields of human rights, rule of law and democracy.

Project: Strengthening measures to prevent and combat economic crime (Jan 2019-Dec 2021)

PGG II provides support to strengthen capacities of Eastern Partnership countries to **fight and prevent economic crime**, by focussing on shared challenges and advancing the understanding and adoption of new tools and mechanisms to effectively tackle corruption, money laundering and terrorist financing.

- The **Toolkit for drafting Codes of Conduct for members of Parliaments** (MPs) was developed to support policy makers in drafting or enhancing existing parliamentary Codes of Conduct. Best practices on regulating MPs' conduct and conflicts of interest were presented to oversight bodies and parliamentarians of the Eastern Partnership countries.
- The capacity of practitioners and policy makers was reinforced to implement targeted **financial sanctions for terrorist financing and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction** and the training activity provided a platform to facilitate regional co-operation in this area.
- The project contributed to increase co-operation and development of **good practices on asset recovery** among authorities from the Eastern Partnership countries. The regional project provided tools, best practices, information exchange and networking on a number of relevant topics thus contributing to the ongoing reforms in the Eastern Partnership countries.

[A background information sheet on this project is available on the website.](#)

Project: Strengthening the profession of lawyer in line with European standards (Jul 2019-Dec 2021)

PGG II supports Bar Associations to strengthen co-operation amongst them in order to improve their functioning and advance independence to ensure **better legal protection of citizens**.

- Based on 5 fact-finding missions and 33 bilateral meetings with relevant stakeholders, the project developed and shared a **comparative review on the procedural and institutional set-up of the functioning of lawyers** in the region providing recommendations to address gaps in line with European standards.
- **Capacity building activities** increased the awareness of 30 lawyers about the functioning of the legal profession in other countries and the need for enhanced professionalism of lawyers and regional co-operation.
- The development of a website as an **online regional co-operation network for the Bars and lawyers' associations** made available comprehensive information about European standards and best practices on legal profession, and about regulatory frameworks on legal activities in the Eastern Partnership countries.

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Project: Women's Access to Justice: delivering on the Istanbul Convention and other European gender equality standards (Jan 2019-Dec 2021)

PGG II provides support to **strengthen access to justice for women and women victims of violence** in line with the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention), contributing towards its ratification by Eastern Partnership countries.

- The project **raised awareness across the region on women's access to justice and the Istanbul Convention** and encouraged counterparts to pursue the signature and ratification processes of the Istanbul Convention, thus contributing to the Draft Law on the ratification of the Istanbul Convention pending approval before Parliament in the Republic of Moldova, the preparations for ratification in Armenia and Ukraine, and the discussions on the possible signature in Azerbaijan.
- The pilot mentoring programme for legal professionals enabled 60 legal professionals to develop their **capacity to train other legal professionals** on ensuring women's access to justice and appropriate legal answer to violence against women.
- The project contributed to develop **indicators to measure access to justice for women** by organising regional activity and bringing together 35 high level ministerial decision-makers of the Eastern Partnership countries.

[A background information sheet on this project is available on the website.](#)

Project: Strengthening the access to justice through non-judiciary redress mechanisms for victims of discrimination, hate crime and hate speech (Feb 2019-Dec 2021)

PGG II seeks to **improve access to justice for victims of discrimination, hate crime and hate speech** through non-judiciary redress mechanisms; to **strengthen the capacity and co-operation of Equality bodies/Ombudsoffices with NGOs; and to raise awareness towards non-discrimination.**

- The project provided **support to align the Draft Law on national minorities** in Armenia and the draft **amendments to the Law on Equality** in the Republic of Moldova with European standards. In Belarus, it developed the very first **public survey on discrimination**, which highlighted the need for awareness raising among the population and increased action of public authorities on combating discrimination.
- The project provided recommendations to **improve the systems of data collection** on discrimination, hate speech and hate crime in Ukraine, Armenia and the Republic of Moldova.
- Through seminars and a regional meeting involving all Eastern Partnership countries, the project built **stronger relations between Equality bodies/Ombudsoffices representatives and NGOs** to communicate with and inform victims of discrimination on their rights. The capacity of public institutions, equality bodies and NGOs in Belarus and Azerbaijan were strengthened to use European standards on discrimination. As a result the Ombudsoffice in Azerbaijan committed to extend its mandate to discrimination.

[A background information sheet on this project is available on the website.](#)

More information:

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